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SUBJECT: U.S.-IRAN JOINT COMMISSION: POSSIBLE AGREEMENTS
IN MANPOWER AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION

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1. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (DOL) AND H.E.W. OFFICIALS MOST
APPRECIATIVE INFORMATION ON NASSERI'S EXPECTATION FOR
FORTHCOMING JOINT COMMISSION MEETING CONTAINED IN REFTEL.
EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE HERE TO BE RESPONSIVE.

2. DOL IS FULLY PREPARED TO COLLABORATE WITH IRAN
MINISTERS OF LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS IN FIELDS OF LABOR
STATISTICS AND OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH. IN ACCORD-
ANCE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS OF FEBRUARY 4-5 MEETING IN
WASHINGTON, THE DOL WILL BE READY TO DISCUSS THE
SUBSTANCE AND TIMING OF SUCH ASSISTANCE DURING THE JOINT
COMMISSION MEETING NEXT WEEK. NASSERI'S NOTION THAT THE
QUOTE U.S. WAS LESS INTERESTED IN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND
HEALTH PROJECTS AND IN ASSISTANCE TO LABOR STATISTICS
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PROGRAM HERE THAN IN OTHER MENTIONED AREAS UNQUOTE,

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MEETING THAT SUCH U.S. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO IRAN WOULD HAVE TO BE UNDERSTOOD IN TERMS OF DOL AGENCIES FIRST FULFILLING THEIR U.S. DOMESTIC OBLIGATIONS. ALTHOUGH MADE AT THE TIME WHEN THE SUBJECT OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WAS BEING DISCUSSED, THIS REMARK WAS IN NO WAY INTENDED TO IMPLY A LESSER INTEREST IN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH AND LABOR STATISTICS THAN IN OTHER SUBJECTS DISCUSSED.

3. DOL REQUESTS EMBASSY TO CONFER WITH MANPOWER ADVISOR (B. MERSON) ON SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL WITH VIEW TO HIS DISCUSSING THESE MATTERS WITH NASSERI AND ALLAYING HIS FEARS CONCERNING DOL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN FIELDS OF LABOR STATISTICS, OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH. KISSINGER

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